

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 056063
ORIGIN SSO-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

DRAFTED BY S/S-O: SMITH
APPROVED BY S/S-O: GOLDSMITH
DESIRED DISTRIBUTION
1 COPY FOR S/S-O

-----141114Z 022041 /14

O 141048Z MAR 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO DIRNSA IMMEDIATE
JCS/DIA IMMEDIATE
TREASURY IMMEDIATE
JCS/DOD IMMEDIATE
USCG IMMEDIATE
JCS IMMEDIATE
SECDEF IMMEDIATE
CIA IMMEDIATE
WHITE HOUSE IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 056063

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. MOLINA UNDERSCORES GUATEMALA'S STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

AS HE DEPARTED FOR WASHINGTON MARCH 13, FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA TOLD AMBASSADOR BOSTER HE DID NOT THINK THAT GUATEMALA WOULD RELEASE THE TEXT OF ITS NOTE REJECTING MILITARY ASSISTANCE LINKED TO HUMAN RIGHTS UNLESS THE US REPORT ON GUATEMALA WERE PUBLISHED. MOLINA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 056063

THE MOTIVES BEHIND THE REPORT WERE NOBLE, BUT GUATEMALA HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO RESPOND AS IT DID AND TO STAND BY THE PRINCIPLE THAT IT WAS UNACCEPTABLE FOR ANY GOVERNMENT TO PASS JUDGMENT ON GUATEMALA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. SUCH QUESTIONS SHOULD BE PURSUED THROUGH "MULTILATERAL AND NOT UNILATERAL CHANNELS."

ACCORDING TO THE AMBASSADOR, MOLINA WAS CHARACTERISTICALLY FRIENDLY THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATION, TREATING THE ISSUE ESSENTIALLY AS AN UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN TWO GOOD FRIENDS. HE REPEATED HIS APPRECIATION OF THE FACT THAT SECRETARY VANCE IS TAKING THE TIME TO RECEIVE HIM SO SOON AFTER TAKING OFFICE. (CONFIDENTIAL) GUATEMALA 1585, 3/13.)

2. REPORT FROM KAMPALA: NOT TO WORRY

WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN REPORTS FROM KAMPALA THAT THE US SHOULD NOT BE ALARMED BY PRESS REPORTS THAT UGANDA INTENDS TO INCREASE SURVEILLANCE OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN CITIZENS THERE. AMIN FREQUENTLY REQUESTS SURVEILLANCE OF FOREIGNERS WHEN HE IS ANGRY AT THE WESTERN PRESS, AND HE NOW FEELS CHEATED BECAUSE HIS INTERVIEW CAMPAIGN OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS FAILED TO CONVINCE JOURNALISTS OF HIS INNOCENCE. AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN URGES THE US TO REMAIN CALM AND MAKE NO ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT MIGHT ESCALATE THE MATTER. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 4459, 3/13.)

3. LAOS

A. PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ANNOUNCED

RADIO VIENTIANE BROADCAST MARCH 12 A COMMUNIQUE ON THE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION. MFA CHEF DE CABINET SOUBAN SITHIRAT TOLD EMBASSY VIENTIANE THE COMMUNIQUE NOTED THE "CONTINUING HOSTILE ATTITUDE" OF THE US BUT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE VISIT WOULD HELP CHANGE THAT

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 056063

ATTITUDE AND IMPROVE RELATIONS.

B. ROYAL FAMILY ARRESTED

EMBASSY VIENTIANE CONFIRMS NEWS REPORTS THAT FORMER KING SAVANG VATTHANA, FORMER CROWN PRINCE VONG SAVANG AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DEPOSED ROYAL FAMILY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY THE LAO GOVERNMENT FOR ALLEGED RESISTANCE ACTIVITIES. ONE SOURCE TOLD THE EMBASSY THE KING HAD BEEN IMPLICATED BY RESISTANCE ELEMENTS CAPTURED IN SAYABOURY PROVINCE. THE KING WAS TAKEN FROM THE FORMER ROYAL CAPITAL OF LUANG PRABANG TO VIENGSAI ON THE VIETNAMESE BORDER, HEADQUARTERS OF THE PATHET LAO. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) VIENTIANE 501 AND (CONFIDENTIAL) VIENTIANE 502, 3/12.)

4. EL SALVADOR: THE REGIME CRACKS DOWN

EMBASSY SAN SALVADOR REPORTS THERE ARE INCREASING INDICATIONS THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF

THE TEMPORARY STATE OF SIEGE, IMPOSED AFTER LAST MONTH'S ELECTIONS, TO DEAL WITH ITS POLITICAL OPPONENTS. SECURITY AND POLICE FORCES HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN GIVEN FREE REIN TO HARASS, INTIMIDATE, OR OTHERWISE NEUTRALIZE ALL POTENTIAL "ENEMIES OF THE REGIME.- MANY OF THESE REPRESSIVE ACTS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT IN THE OPEN, AS THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT WANTED TO UNDERSCORE ITS POINT. THE EMBASSY CITES:

--THE MARCH 4 CLOSURE OF THE COUNTRY'S ONLY LEFTIST NEWSPAPER;

--THE DISAPPEARANCE OR KIDNAPPING OF CRITICS OF THE REGIME; AND

--HOUSE SEARCHES AND INTIMIDATION OF FAMILY MEMBERS OF OPPOSITION POLITICAL LEADERS.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 STATE 056063

EMBASSY COMMENT: THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT A SELECTIVE PURGE IS IN PROGRESS AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS INVOLVED AT A HIGH LEVEL. THE QUESTION IS WHO ORDERED IT AND HOW FAR IT WILL GO. TWO POSSIBLE VERSIONS:

--THE CAMPAIGN IS THE RESULT OF SECURITY SERVICE "ZEAL" FOLLOWING THE FEBRUARY 28 DISTURBANCES.

--PRESIDENT-ELECT ROMERO IS ATTEMPTING TO ELIMINATE THE OPPOSITION BEFORE HIS INAUGURATION AND DOESN'T MIND PUTTING THE RESPONSIBILITY ON INCUMBENT PRESIDENT MOLINA. (CONFIDENTIAL) SAN SALVADOR 1206, 3/13.)

VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MORNING SUMMARY
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 14-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE056063
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: O: SMITH
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770086-1053
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770362/aaaaccoh.tel
Line Count: 153
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 004d7bb8-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN SSO
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3116649
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS
TAGS: PFOR, SHUM, CASC, OVIP, PGOV, PINS, GT, UG, US, XC, LA, ES
To: NSA DIA MULTIPLE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/004d7bb8-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009